

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
HELD ON, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013 AT 12:13 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a special called session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 12:13 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Walt Caldwell, Vice-President.

The invocation was given by the vice president. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the vice president.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Scotty Robinson</b>	<b>District A</b>
<b>Mack Calhoun</b>	<b>District B</b>
<b>Walt Caldwell</b>	<b>District C</b>
<b>Ollibeth Reddix</b>	<b>District D</b>
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Shane Smiley</b>	<b>District E</b>
<b>Pat Moore</b>	<b>District F</b>

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The vice president asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda. There were none. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed without opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

The vice president asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. No one came forth at this point in the meeting.

**MOTIONS \* ORDINANCES \* RESOLUTIONS:**

**MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:**

The vice president recognized Mr. Dowdey, Homeland Security. Mr. Dowdey stated that Homeland Security was awarded a grant for \$1.7 million to install seven generators at the Monroe Civic Center. Mr. Dowdey stated that a letter was needed from the Police Jury to have the state reallocate the funds to the City of Monroe and release the Police Jury of any and all financial obligations associated with the grant. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Mr. Smiley to sign the reallocation letter. Motion passed without opposition.

Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Robinson offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-13**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHANE SMILEY, PRESIDENT TO APPROVE AND EXPEND PARISH FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,057.00 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG - DR) INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF RICHWOOD'S MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has been awarded funds in the amount of \$152,800.00 under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG - DR) Infrastructure Program to provide drainage improvements for the Town of Richwood's Martin Luther King Drive Drainage Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, construction bids were received on the project funded under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR) Infrastructure Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bid exceeds the balance of funding available for construction;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize Shane Smiley, President to expend Parish Funds in the amount of \$8,057.00 when funds come available.

The above resolution was adopted the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013. No opposition.

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Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-20**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING C. JARVIS THOMAS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIDEAWAY ROAD SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 11 OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS BEGINNING APRIL 26, 2013 AND ENDING APRIL 26, 2017; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, C. Jarvis Thomas' term has expired as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Hideaway Sewerage District No. 11 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, C. Jarvis Thomas, 413 Raymond Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, has expressed a desire to continue to serve on said Board of Commissioners of Hideaway Sewerage District No. 11;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session that C. Jarvis Thomas, 413 Raymond Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 be and hereby is reappointed to the Board of Commissioners of Hideaway Sewerage District No. 11 of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, said term to be for a period of four (4) years beginning April 26, 2013 and ending April 26, 2017.

The above resolution was adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013. No opposition.

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Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix offered the following resolution for adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-21**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DOTD) TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TITLED S.P. NO. 576-37-0025, CLEAR WATER CIRCLE - SPRING DRIVE SUBDIVISION (GREEN SPRINGS) AND ASSURING THE DOTD OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT, AND OTHER ASSURANCES REQUIRED BY DOTD REGARDING RIGHT OF WAY, RIGHTS OF INGRESS AND EGRESS, PERMITS, FACILITIES RELOCATIONS AND TO SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS DOTD REGARDING THE PROJECT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has submitted an application for funding of the Clear Water Circle - Spring Drive Subdivision (Green Springs) flood control project under the Statewide Flood Control Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's share of the project funds have been made available and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has available its local matching share of the project funds in an amount of not less than ten (10%) percent; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of this Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Lazenby & Associates, Inc. has prepared plans and specifications for said project, which plans and specifications are designated by State Project No. 576-37-0025; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ouachita Parish Police Jury has reviewed the final plans, specifications and cost estimate and accepts them as submitted and the Department of Transportation and

Development has reviewed the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate and has approved them inasmuch as they comply with the requirements of the Statewide Flood Control Program; and

**WHEREAS**, all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, spoil disposal areas, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been acquired by this Ouachita Parish Police Jury, and the titles there to are valid and indefeasible; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ouachita Parish Police Jury has obtained all necessary permits required for the construction of this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has agreed to accomplish all necessary utilities, fence and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Official Journal for the Ouachita Parish Police Jury is the Ouachita Citizen, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 758, West Monroe, LA 71294, and whose telephone number is 318-322-3161; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ouachita Parish Police Jury desires to advertise for competitive bids, in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, and furnish engineering services during the progress of the work.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, in special session assembled on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is requested to authorize the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to advertise for competitive bids in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, covering the aforesaid improvements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of any servitude, right-of-way, right of ingress or egress, and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby assume complete responsibility for providing engineering services during construction and the maintenance and upkeep of the project after construction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all required permits have been obtained by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has available its local

matching funds in an amount not less than ten (10%) percent of the total project cost to insure construction of this project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all utilities, fence, and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury does hereby save and hold harmless the Department of Transportation and Development against any loss or damage of any kind incident to or occasioned by activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and expressly agrees to defend any suit brought against the Department of Transportation & Development, and pay any judgment which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

The above resolution was adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013. No opposition.

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Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the Hold Harmless Agreement for Keystone Road and stated that Lazenby & Associates has requested a copy of DOTD's standard specifications from DOTD for use on Keystone Road and that DOTD requires a Hold Harmless Agreement before they release that information. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to authorize Shane Smiley to sign the Supplemental Agreement for the Finks Hideaway Road project. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Shane Smiley to sign all contract documents for the Green Springs project. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to appoint Jeremy Clack as "Responsible Charge" for the Finks Hideaway Road project. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Mr. Crosby, Engineer.

**MR. KEVIN CROSBY, ENGINEER:**

Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Lazenby & Associates to advertise for bids for the Green Springs project once Resolution 13-21 is submitted to DOTD and they grant approval to advertise. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to authorize Lazenby & Associates to advertise for bids for the Vernon Drive drainage project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding Keystone Road and stated that this was part of the 2012 Road Program and that all of the budget will be used on this project and that he will make a recommendation on Harmon Johnson Road at a later date. Mr. Crosby stated that the bid opening for Keystone Road will be May 30. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize Lazenby & Associates to advertise for bids for the Keystone Road project. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Crosby spoke regarding the preliminary sketch plan for Ally's Lane Subdivision and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to grant preliminary sketch plan approval for Ally's Lane Subdivision. Motion passed without opposition.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business to come before the Jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Reddix. The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

**A D J O U R N !**

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Shane Smiley, President

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Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary